Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A society dealing in kind —in seeds and other things.

Amounts due to the Stock Section of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank collected by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

624. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has at any time within the last four years collected amounts due to the Stock Section of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., or accepted to his credit amounts wrongly remitted into the State Treasury;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether a list of such societies with the amount and the date of collection noted against each such society be printed and placed on the table;

(c) how long in each case did the Registrar keep the amount with him without disposing of; and how did he dispose of the same;

(d) whether any amount of the Karikode Society, Padiyur, the Trippunittura Stores, Ltd., or the Nedumpura Co-operative Society was retained by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and if so,

(e) what was the outstanding under "Advance recoverable" standing against the name of the Registrar, when the above items of amount were received by him; when did he completely pay off "Advance-recoverable"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) This question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Please vide answer to (b) above.

(d) Yes; from the Karikode Society and the Trippunittura Stores only. As for the Nedumpura Society, it was a case of wrong credit by the Central Bank.

(e) Rs. 148—4—1 when the amounts from the Karikode and the Nedumpura Societies were received. The advances were completely repaid on 24th Makaram 1099.

Amounts due by Co-operative Societies to the Co-operative Department on account of supply of registers.

625. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any amount is still due by Co-operative Societies to the Co-operative Department on account of cost of co-operative registers and account books supplied;

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(b) if so, (1) would the Government be pleased to give a list of such societies with amount due noted against each; and

(2) the period during which each such amount has been so due?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes; but the right of collecting them was assigned to the Central Bank.

(b) (1) A list giving the information is appended. (*Appendix XXI.*)

(2) All the amounts had been outstanding from 1095 and earlier.

Caste-war statement of officers drawing Rs. 50 or above and less.

626. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of (1) Caste Hindus (2) Non-Caste Hindus (3) Christians (4) Muslims and (5) other castes in the Revenue Department drawing a monthly salary of

(a) Rs. 50 and above (b) less than Rs. 50;

(2) and mention the steps taken by the Head of the Department in the last two years for giving adequate representation to those communities which are not adequately represented in that Department, giving a statement containing the number from each of the above five classes appointed in the Department in the last two years.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) A statement giving the necessary particulars is appended. (*Appendix XXII.*)

(2) The claims of unrepresented communities in the matter of appointments and confirmations have been given preferential consideration. Vide the statement referred to.

Prospects of future reclamation for Agriculture.

627. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) the total number of acres under cultivation during each of the last five years in the State;

(b) the prospects of future reclamation for Agriculture here;

(c) the total area of uncultivated land-accretions and other kinds of barren land and whether they will consider the benefits of converting them into large scale State or Co-operative Model Farms;

(d) what active programme of organisation of Agricultural territory will be undertaken by them?

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